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Futop language

The **Futop language**, ***Efutop*** *(Ofutop)*, is an Ekoid language of Nigeria. The *E-* in *Efutop* represents the class prefix for "language", analogous to the Bantu *ki-* in *KiSwahili*.

One of a number of similar but distinct languages spoken in the Cross River region, its area includes the town of Abaragba as well as Ekpokpa, Mkpura, Ndim, Okanga-Nkpansi, Okanga-Njimowan, and Okosura. The vocabulary for David W. Crabb's item in *Ekoid Bantu Languages of Ogoja* was from Mr. Anthony A. Eyam of Abaragba.[3]

Efutop	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Cross River State
Native speakers	(10,000 cited 1973)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Southern Bantoid ▪ Ekoid ▪ Efutop–Ekajuk ▪ **Efutop**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`ofu`
Glottolog	`efut1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/efut1242)`[2]

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Phonology

Tone

Significant tone is important in this language.

Vocabulary

Some vocabulary (in a simplified orthography, without tone markings):

- *nhnham* - animal (low tone-low tone) *nh* is palatal
- *nggurɛgbɛ* - antelope (low-low-low-low) *ng* is syllabic
- *obuɔ* - arm, hand
- *ngkuɔn* - bee
- *mmuɔn* - child
- *ofuu* - day (low-high)
- *nim* - do (low)
- *yum* - dry (high tone)
- *yinə* - forget (high-low).[4]

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External links

- Efutop basic lexicon at the Global Lexicostatistical Database (http://starling.rinet.ru/cgi-bin/response.cgi?root=new100&morpho=0&basename=new100\bco\eko&limit=-1)

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